



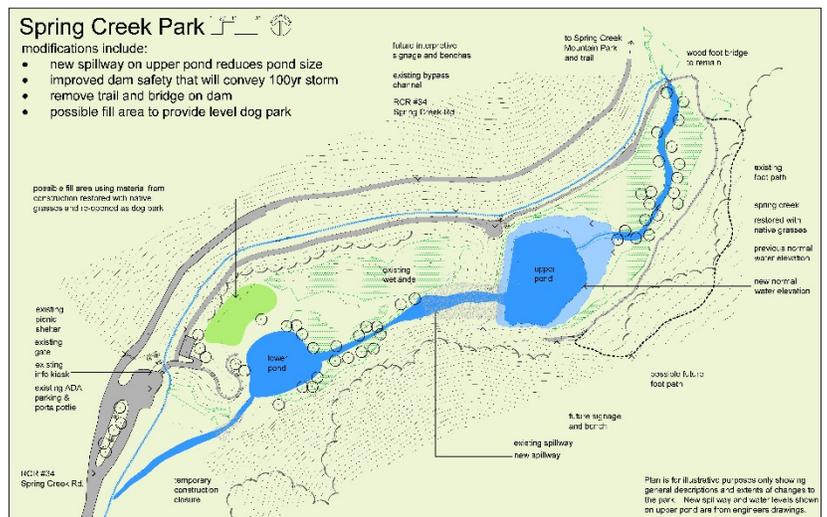
## Spring Creek Dam Restoration Project On Horizon

*Six-Week Closure To Upper Pond and Adjacent Off-Leash Areas Required*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-July 23, 2018**-W. W. Wheeler and Associates, Inc. has been contracted to design and perform construction services for the Upper Spring Creek Dam modifications slated for later this month. Anson Excavating has been contracted to execute the work.

The Colorado Division of Water Resources Dam Safety Branch previously identified concerns with the Spring Creek Dam. The upcoming planned improvements will rectify those safety issues and generally includes: a new 30-foot wide dam spillway, installation of additional fill material on the dam slopes and an improved dam drainage system.

Once work is completed, the modified dam will meet qualifications for a non-jurisdictional dam impounding a smaller sized pool than what currently exists. The spillway will be capable of routing a 100-year storm event. Due to the dam modifications, the existing bridge and trail across the spillway will be removed and will not be replaced. New interpretive signage, benches and a proposed looped trail system is planned at the upper pond following the 2018 construction project.



This week, Spring Creek will be diverted to flow through the bypass channel around both ponds and the upper pond will be drained to prepare for excavation work. In early to mid-August, Anson Excavating will close all access to the Off Leash Dog Park and the trail around both ponds for the duration of the project. Heavy equipment will be working on site executing the modifications and trucks will be hauling material off site for disposal. Work is anticipated to take approximately 6 weeks.

The city has permitted the project with the State of Colorado and the Army Corps of Engineers. Due to the large volume of soil from the project, most of the excess material will be hauled off site. Some soil may be used to regrade the Off Leash Dog Park Area. All disturbed areas will be revegetated with native seed and will remain closed to all public access until grass has regrown to satisfy permit requirements.

Routt County #34 (Spring Creek Road) will remain open to the public with access to the Spring Creek Trail. Dog owners are asked to enjoy [other off-leash areas](#) including Lower Spring Creek Trail, Blackmere Trail, Butcherknife Trail, Rita Valentine Park and Whistler Park during the closure.

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